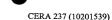


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For: : PIEZOCERAMIC MULTILAYER ACTUATOR WITH A

TRANSITION REGION BETWEEN THE ACTIVE REGION AND THE INACTIVE HEAD AND FOOT

REGIONS

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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the examiner of this application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 13-25.

-13. (New) A piezoceramic multilayer actuator comprising an active region, said active region further comprising inner electrodes led out alternately at a surface of said

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